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COLORED DOCTORS!

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF MEHARRY COLLEGE.

5,000 PERSONS WERE PSESENT!

End of the Most Successful Year in the History of the Institution—Turns Out Forty-one Physicians, Seven Pharmacists and Five Dentists.

rom Nashville Daily American, March 3.

The commencement exercises of the medical, pharmaceutical and dental departments of Walden University were given at the Tabernacle Monday night before one of the largest audiences of colored persons ever gathered in this city. The lower floor was filled, and there was but a third of the seats in the gallery vacant, probably 5,000 persons being present, quite a number of whom were white.

The occasion marked the end of the most successful year in the history of these departments of the institution. There were forty-one graduates from the Meharry Medical College, the largest number in its twenty-seven years. The Dental College, which has been established seventeen years, had five graduates, and the Pharmaceutical College celebrated its fourteenth anniversary with seven graduates.

Besides the usual programme of addresses by graduates, presentation of medals and conferring of diplomas, there were two short talks by leading colored men, one of them being at the head of the third largest colored industrial and training school in the country, and the other a bishop in the A. M. E. church.

ADDRESS BY DR. DUNTON.

Dr. L. M. Dunton, President of Claflin, at Orangeburg, S. C., delivered a short address to the graduates. He said that this was his first visit to Nashville, but that he knew of Meharry through copies of Nashville papers sent him. "These have given good accounts of your school," said he, "but the half has never been told. For six years I have traveled extensively from Maine to Iowa in the interest of my school, and I have spoken favorably of Meharry whenever the opportunity offered. I recognize the necessity for a school of this kind. Colored physicians are needed almost everywhere in this section of the country. I visited Dr. Boyd's Infirmary to-day and saw what splendid work he is doing. I also visited Dr. Wilson's Infirmary and think he is accomplishing wonderful good. I am not acquainted with local conditions, but I think there is one needed here. Meharry should have a splendid hospital run in connection with it. I think there would be no better opportunity for some man to build for himself an enduring monument than to endow such a department."

Bishop Evans Tyree, of the A. M. E. church, who lives in this city, was called upon and responded with a short talk, full of practical suggestions and humor. He said it was an inspiring sight to see these young men and young women go out to help humanity. "Give them something to do," he said, "and also give them something for doing it. Don't think because he comes, stays only five minutes and charges you $2 that he thinks his time entirely too valuable. It is not the five minutes he is charging for, but for the four years, or twenty years, that he has been preparing for that five minutes. Hold on, young men. Your bread may be like the preacher's sometimes, rather scarce. Then some of you will have to follow some of you patients, but hold on and you will win."

VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES.

Before the talks were made by Dr. Dunton and Bishop Tyree there were songs by a choral society of fifty voices, and other music. A Bernard McKissack then delivered the salutatory, having for his subject, "The Physician and his Civic Good." He was followed by T. Primus Moore with the pharmaceutical valedictory, his subject being "The Relation of the Physician to the Pharmacist." After a duet, John D. Frierson delivered the dental valedictory, his subject being "The Dental Surgeon and his Work." He was followed by Harry Jordan, the medical valedictorian, whose subject was "Preventive Medicine." After several songs by a quartette, Dr. Dunton delivered his address and was followed by Bishop Tyree.

Dr. George W. Hubbard, the dean of Meharry, who had presided and had charge of the preceedings, then awarded the various prizes and medals that had been offered. He called on Dr. R. F. Boyd to present the medals offered by Dr. Daniel Williams, of Chicago, for the best paper on how to prepare a patient for operation at his own home. It afterwards turned out that this was done for the reason that a young man whom Dr. Boyd had trained in Mercy hospital won the prize. At the conclusion of these awards almost every graduate received one or more presents from relatives and friends.

Dr. J. Benson Hamilton, President of the University, then conferred the degrees and awarded the diplomas, and the exercises closed with a benediction.

THE GRADUATES.

Following is the list of graduates: F. W. Adams, Texas; W. S. Adams, Tennessee; R. B. and R. S. Bell, Louisiana; J. A. Baker, Florida; J. R. and A. B. Barber, South Carolina; L. L. Cheatham, Tennessee; S. Clarence Coleman, Mississippi; Susie L. Dilworth, Florida; A. B. Deany, A. W. and W. S. Davis, Alabama; N. W. Este, Antigua, W. I.; J. D. Evans, Tennessee; H. B. Gabashane, South Africa; S. R. Gholston, Kentucky; R. A. Gordon, A. B., Mississippi; G. C. Hill, Georgia; H. L. Jordan, A. B., Mississippi; W. P. Kyle, Texas; Van B. Lindley, Texas; W. H. Marshall, South Carolina; B. B. Mitchell, Alabama; A. B. McKissack, Tennessee; W. G. O'Neal, Mississippi; T. W. Prather, North Carolina; L. H. Roberts, Georgia; G. T. Sharpe, Kansas; W. H. Slaughter, Alabama; E. W. South, Missouri; C. Eugene Stephenson, South Carolina; W. H. Strickland, A. M., Arkansas; W. A. Thompson, A. B., Tennessee; A. E. Thomas, Florida; H. C. Tinsley, B. L., Kentucky; R. L. Tweed, Arkansas; D. B. Taylor, Hayti; H. P. Taylor, Kentucky; R. L. Varian, Kentucky; J. F. Williams, Illinois; B. F. Easter, Ph. G., Texas; K. T. Stanley, L. I., Florida; J. W. Willis, Georgia.

FACULTY AND GRADUATES
MEHARRY
MEDICAL, DENTAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL COLLEGES
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Pharmaceutical—Miss Mattie L. Blackwell, Tennessee; Solomon C. Clemmons, Georgia; A. T. Jones, Georgia; Mrs. E. E. McCoy, Mississippi; T. Primus Moore, Georgia; E. M. Turner, Arkansas; A. L. Logan, Kentucky.

Dental—D. F. McCarrion, South Carolina; J. P. Frierson, Tennessee; Wm. D. Holder, Tennessee; L. P. Jacobs, Alabama; J. C. Johnson, Alabama.

THE PRIZES AWARDED.

Prizes were awarded as follows: The U. G. Mason medal for gynaecology, was given to W. S. Adams, of Nashville, Tenn. The medal offered by Dr. J. E. Perry, of Columbia, Mo., for the highest standing in the entire course of anatomy and dissecting was awarded to N. W. Este. The J. T. Wilson medal for best work in surgery was won by R. L. Gordan, of Mississippi.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago, offered a prize for the best essay on the preparation of a patient and detailed method of preparing for and conducting a surgical operation in a private residence, for which W. P. Kyle, of Texas, was the successful contestant, H. C. Tinsley, of Kentucky, was given a second prize for the excellence of his essay on the same subject.

The prize in obstetrics was won by W. G. O'Neal; a second prize, gynaecology, by A. B. Deaney; Morrisen medal for bridge work, J. C. Johnson; Singleton prize for metallurgy, L. P. Jacobs; Mason medal, Walter Adams; second prize, by Dr. Boyd, A. D. Deaney.

The attendance during the past session has been the largest of any during the 27 years of the existence of this institution, 252 medical, 47 dental and 30 pharmaceutical students having been enrolled; also ten women have been taking a course in nurse training, making a total of 339. Students have been in attendance this session from every Southern state and a number from several Northern states and Territories. South Africa, Liberia, Bermuda, Jamaica, Hayti and British and Dutch Guiana have sent representatives.

Dr. Benjamin W. Payne, class of 1901, a native of Liberia, returned to his native land, and is now a self supporting medical missionary at Monrovia, where he is planning to establish a hospital, there not being an institution of the kind in all the republic of Liberia.

Of the 505 graduates from this school, about 90 per cent. of those now living are practicing their professions.

During the past year a new laboratory was erected and equipped at an expense of over $4,000, about $1,000 of which was contributed by the students and alumni of Meharry.

Colored Show Makes a Hit.

Washington, Pa., Special.—The "Hottest Coon in Dixie" company played to a packed house at the Lyric Theater here on the 4th inst. The company made a big hit here. A grand entertainment was given at the A. M. E. Zion church on the 5th inst. A large crowd was in attendance. A fine program was rendered. Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul A. M. E. church on the 15th inst. Father Reuben Baker is slowly recovering from a long illness. Miss Florence C. Hopper has returned to Avery Trade College, after a week's visit with her parents. Evan Baker was in Pittsburg on last Sunday. J. B. Smith, of Allegheny, is visiting in the city. Charles Norris, Jr., and and Harry Smith were instantly killed on the 4th, by a reel of wine falling upon them. Ellsworth Wilson had a narrow escape. Walter Harris is visiting his mother in Philadelphia. William Barbour left for Wheeling, W. Va., on the 4th. L. B. Burgess is in Columbus, O. Walter Scott, who has been suffering from rheumatism for several weeks, is slowly improving. The new pool room of Fields & Campbell in Wheeling street, is doing a thriving business. The Freeman is for sale every Saturday at Wilk Chapman's barber shop, 18 East Chestnut street.

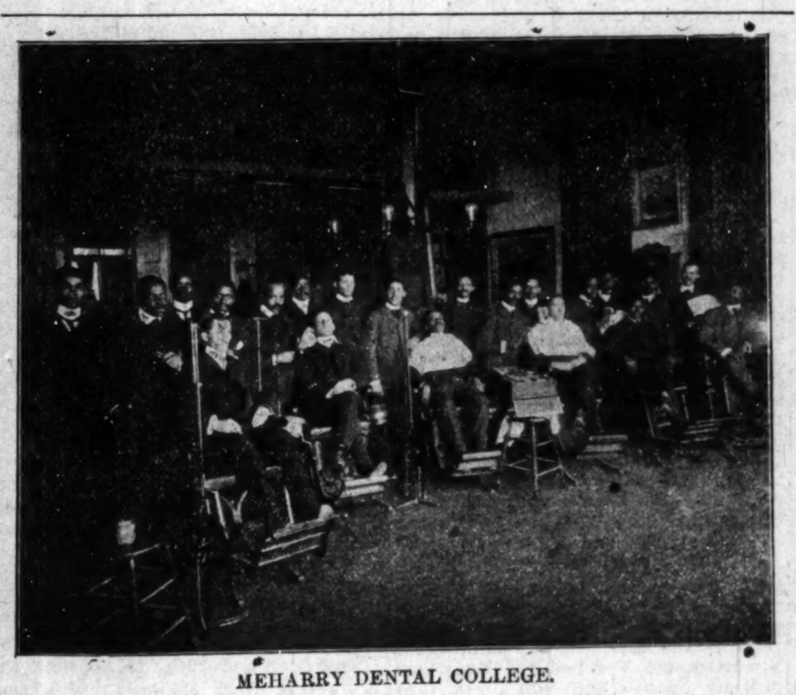
NEGROES ASPIRE FOR ALDERMEN

Prof. Ewing's Visit a Great Hit—Damaging Water Spout—Notes.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—The lady evangelist who has been assisting Rev. Sydes at the A. M. E. church, has closed a successful revival with 52 converts and 9 accessions. It is to be hoped that she will return in the near future. We are authorized to announce Richard Taylor as a candidate for alderman from the 6th ward, and D. Farrow from the 4th ward. Now is the time for the Negro to show his race pride. Prof. Ewing and orchestra certainly gave our people a flawless entertainment before a crowded house. Overby's orchestra will return the visit on April 29 with a grand excursion to Paducah. Grover Hubbard is on the sick list. Little Dickie Derby is ill at his home in Fourteenth street. Mrs. Rachel Covington is sick at her home in Forty-first street. A water spout bursted at Beechwood Sunday morning and did considerable damage to property. Miss Nina Menear is with Mrs. Ada Rots at her dress making parlors, 2405½ Poplar street. Parlie Blakemore is ill at her home in Ninth street. Miss Emma Wilkins is visiting in Paducah. Miss Ella Ousley is sick at her home in Nineteenth street. Mrs. Lizzie King is visiting in Mayfield, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. John Painter are at home, 2400 Poplar street. The Zinzer club invitations will be out next Tuesday. Anna C. Bell sends regards to Mrs. R. B. Cochran, of Mound City. Mrs. Belle Shannon was called to Mayfield, Ky., on last Monday by the death of her father. Mrs. Nancy Hudgins is ill at her home in Twenty-ninth street. Mr. Brown is not much improved. Mrs. James Goode, of Twentieth street, has recovered from a severe illness. James Blakemore is slowly recovering from his recent illness. Misses Ida B. Snearling and Altha Allen are ill at their homes. Mrs. W. O. Lancaster was called to East St. Louis last Saturday by the serious illness of her husband. Mrs. Bettie Marton is slowly regaining her health at her home, in Seventeenth street. We urge the voters of the race to give their hearty support to Hon. Claud Winters for Mayor, in the ensuing election, April 29th. He has proved to be the Negro's friend, and merits our support.

Society and Personal Notes.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Mesdames Lillie Crice and Josephine Mosley are ill. The recent rains have inundated our town so that passage through a portion of the city is impossible. Several families have been compelled to seek higher ground. Frank Gorden has returned from St. Louis. In the contest between Misses Martha Bolen, Bertha Smith and Flora E. Howard, Misses Martha Bolen and Flora E. Howard tied, both having sold 201 tickets; Miss Smith sold 89. Accordingly, the first two were awarded cash prizes of $5 each and the third $3. Henry Kirby died at his home in Diamond street on the 7th inst., of consumption, at the age of 27 years. He served in the 8th Illinois Infantry during the Spanish-American war. His remains were buried at Pulaski on the 10th. Mrs. Mary Robinson wishes to learn the whereabouts of John and Esther Patrick, and her granddaughter, Viola McNeile. They were living in Little Rock, Ark., when last heard from.



MEHARRY DENTAL COLLEGE.

Emancipators Entertain.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—The National Emancipators had their regular semi-monthly ladies' night at their hall on the 5th inst. Among those present were: Misses Pearl Covington, Viola Davis, Wiletta Horner, Elena, Cabell, Florence Tabor, Essie Moore, Allie B. Bryant, Anna Cooksie, Mesdames Samuel Berry, George Green, Harry Southad, Lydia Davis, George White, Ella Allen, John Floyd, Mary Mayers, Anna Robinson and Albert Anderson. Refreshments were served in abundance. Visitors present were: Mrs. Jones, of St. Louis, and Messrs. George Holland and George Ford. Carter Lyons furnished the music. D. E. Smith, of Indianapolis, is weighing the mail on the Southern Indiana road between this city and Seymour.

Protracted Meeting Held.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Rev. D. L. Irvin, of Louisville, has been conducting revival meetings at Zion church. He returned to his home on the 12th. The funeral of Mrs. M. Smith took place on the 4th, Rev. T. A. Brown officiating, assisted by Rev. D. L. Irvin. Mrs. H. Logan, an old christian lady, was buried on the 3d. Rev. D. L. Irvin and Rev. Dr. Brown and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coward on the 5th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Durham on the 8th, and with Mrs. M. J. Sandsburry on the 9th.

Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—George Gough has returned from Columbus. Mrs. Hobbs is very ill. Mrs. West Goins and daughter returned last week from Detroit. L. B. Thomas was in Lansing last week. Miss Bertha Harrison celebrated her 16th birthday anniversary on the 6th. Chas. Dolman, of Pittsburg, is in the city. Call on Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street, and get The Freeman.

Successful Trustees' Rally.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Sunday was trustees' rally and three services were held. Two were conducted by Rev. Taylor, and the third was conducted by Rev. Taylor, assisted by Rev. Warren, of the Second Baptist church. The day's collection was $34.50. Mrs. Curtis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fletcher, on Thursday of last week, and was buried Saturday afternoon from the A. M. E. church. The Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment Monday evening, assisted by the Eagle band. Mrs. Harrold is ill at her home in S. Walnut street. Mrs. Nora Rickman left last Thursday for a two months' visit in Ohio with relatives. The Willing Workers will give an entertainment on Saturday evening at the A. M. E. church. The Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist church gave a "pie social" Monday evening. Will Rider made a business trip to Portland on last Thursday.

Base Ball Club Organized.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—The young men of this city have organized a base ball club with the following officers: John Grimes, president; W. H. Wallace, secretary and manager; A. Scott, Jr., treasurer; Charles Fisher, captain.

J. E. Neluns is happy over the arrival of a fine girl at his home. Virgil Davenport passed through the city last week enroute to Cuthbert, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson have moved to their new home on the Bluff. The Young People's Literary Union celebrated their first anniversary at the home of Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Murphy on the 27th ult. An excellent program was carried out. Copies of The Freeman can be found on sale every Saturday at J. E. Nelson's bar and lunch room.

News Personal and General.

Moberly, Mo., Special.—Mrs. Emma Teabeau has returned to Keokuk, after a pleasant stay with relatives. Messrs. Arthur Lyons, Harry Lowery and Jos. Newby have returned to Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs Robert Renfro spent Sunday in Kansas City, guests of their son, J. H. Boston. Messrs. Pearl Roman and Howard Tymony were among the excursionists to Kansas City. George West is visiting relatives in the city. Prof. R. L. Logan, of Huntsville, was in the city Sunday.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS!

WAS THE BOOTH ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. JAMES CHURCH.

A MINSTREL GOES TO THE WALL

Crack Base Ball Team Ready to Cross Bats with All Comers—The Beer Bucket Brigade Being Looked After by the Women—Personal Notes.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Edward Avery is in Bisbee, Ariz., on a business trip. Prof. H. D. Robinson, of Lancaster, was in the city to visit relatives and friends this week. Hon. C. E. W. Day, of Houston, was in the city a few days in the interest of the Taborian order. The Booth entertainment recently held at St. James A. M. E. church, netted over $126, which speaks well for those who had charge of the affair. The following persons are recovering from recent illness: Mesdames Frank Murry, Hester Anderson, Ella McHenry, Susie Hoard, Lena McCain, Mattie Rice, Susie McCoy, M. Knighton, M. E. Payne and Frank Holcomb. Mrs. John Walker and daughter Lenice were called to Pittsboro to the bedside of her mother, on the 5th inst. Taylor Jordan, the sweet singer, is making good at the Fort. It is reported that Jordon's minstrels, which was composed of the best colored talent of this city, stranded at San Antonio. Cal McCollough is on the sick list. The following persons composes Porter & Hamley's Colts for this season, and have reported for service: Johnie Jones, Lewis Livingstone, Frank Miles, James Whitlow, Eddie Gardner, Tom Armstrong, Bunk Henderson, George Johnson, Arthur Simmons, Lyn Lightfoot, John Bow, and John Wright. These players have each faced the rubber in many Southern cities and have made good records. The ball lovers will be glad to learn that Messrs. Porter & Hamley have such an efficient team to represent them the coming season. Sam Bumpus, of McKinney, came to the city on the 6th inst., after the remains of Tobie French, who died in this city. His wife and several friends accompanied the remains to McKinney, where the funeral was held. The Black and Tan Social club is ready for the summer social functions. Mrs. Katie Lott, of Oberlin, spent several days here the past week, the guest of relatives. The ladies of Dallas have begun to wage war on the beer bucket brigate. Where is the Ministers' Union? They are being looked upon as an organization to bombard sin of all kinds and to hoist the purity banner high above repreach. Mrs. Ellen Johnson, of Hillsboro, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Briscoe, in Main street. The Epworth League at Ewing Chapel meets every Thursday evening and presents a choice program. Call at Griffin's parlors, 105 Central avenue, every Saturday and get The Freeman.

A CORRECTION.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I wish to correct an item which appeared in the Express in February, stating that M. E. Gordon attended the Porters' ball in Ft. Worth. There is a Miss M. E. Gordon, whose initials are the same as mine, who may have attended, but I have had no desire to attempt to christianize the ball room. I hope this will relieve the minds of my friends, and serve as a warning to my enemies. M. E. GORDON.
440 Young street.

FERRIS NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Harris preached at the C. M. E. church on the 1st and 2d to large audiences. Prof. A. B. Pittman is progressing nicely with his school, the attendance being very large. The B. Y. P. U. is progressing, and now meets on Thursday instead of Friday night. The C. M. E. church has organized an Epworth League. Rev. D. L. Lewis has been called to the pastorate of Ebenezer Freewill Baptist church. Quarterly meeting convened with the Freewill Baptist church on the 12th inst. Rev. H. E. Brown has returned from Lancaster and reports a good meeting, three being added to the church.

Prohibition Voted Down.

Mineola, Tex., Special.—In the election here on the 7th, in which the temperance question was involved, the Prohibition ticket was defeated by a majority of 67 votes. The women were out in full force, buttonholing the men and urging them to vote the Prohibition ticket. The young people paraded the streets and sang patriotic songs.

The Freeman Would Like to See:

T. Thomas Fortune's mission extended indefinitely.

Alabama Wellman recognize the loyal colored Republicans.

Postmaster Vick given "something equally as good."

Dr. Crum confirmed.

Other private secretaries rise after the fashion of George B. Cortelyou and Daniel S. Lamont.

Negro business leagues organized throughout the land.

A strong, reliable race paper established in the South, to handle the secular issues of the people.

Washington Negroes acquire a love for work, and do less talking.

Negroes do something themselves before they attempt to criticise Booker T. Washington.

Farm life made so attractive that the boys will remain in the agricultural districts and operate the farms secured after much sacrifice by their fathers.

A press association formed, as is a press associations.

Personal journalism condemned.

A big meeting of the Afro-American Council at Louisville next July.

Less space in our papers devoted to washing the dirty linen of the editors.

The higher and the industrial educational systems given their just proportions in our school economy.

More manufacturing druggists like Dr. L. H. Harris, of Washington, D. C.

Colored organizations erect buildings of their own, after the manner of the True Reformers.

Architects skilled in their business of the type represented by John A. Lankford, master mechanic of the True Reformers.

A True Reformers' Bank in Indianapolis.

The Capital Savings Bank at Washington replaced by a solid institution, and run by competent and painstaking financiers.

Fewer Negroes dependent upon the fluctuations of politics for a livelihood.

Our barbers study the latest methods and keep up to date.

The callings of nurse, laundering and housekeeping saved to the race.

Col. Pledger reconciled.

Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett back into the anti-lynching bureau of the Afro-American Council.

The Chicago persecutors of Rev. A. L. Murray put up or shut up.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis at the head of her own company in legitimate drama, to tour the country.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar in the harness again.

The absurd talk about the "ham trust" given a quietus.

Negroes stop worrying about men's politics and measuring them by their worth to civilization.

Stronger support given to race journals of character and stamina.

Mrs. Cox resume her postoffice at Indianola, Miss.

Banks of the Tuskegee order established in all the large schools of the country.

Charles Alexander at the head of a great Afro-American news syndicate, furnishing matter of vital interest for about fifty journals.

Editorials from race papers clipped and commented upon by Caucasian journals, to get our sentiments upon current questions before the leaders of thought of the nation.

Governor Pinchback, ex-Congressman White and Col. Pledger suitably provided for.

Whitfield McKinlay win his great fight for the confirmation of Dr. Crum.

Judge R. H. Terrell continued for life as justice of the peace for the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell gracing an Indiana platform.

Educated young women accept the broad field for usefulness that lies open for them in the Southland.

Widespread interest developed in the great suffrage convention, which meets at Louisville in July.

Pritchard set in the background.

Editor W. D. Johnson nominated for the legislature and elected to champion the cause of the much-abused Kentucky Negroes.

Another colored member of the Indiana Legislature.

White business men advertise in colored papers as a bid for colored patronage.

A genuine race paper in Boston.

"Prof." Ferris secure a job in Washington, so he will not be dependent upon the bounty of his ungrateful Boston employers.

Chris Perry's photogravure plant well patronized by the race, especially by journals which make a feature of well executed portraits of persons and scenes.

Henry Y. Arnett enter the ministry.

H. P. Cheatham installed in a comfortable government berth.

The Liberian mission matter settled and the whole imbroglio permitted to become a closed incident.

Rev. J. W. Smith secure a bishop's frock at St. Louis in 1904.

More leaders of the race as sagacious, far seeing and resourceful as Washington, Walters, Clinton and Fortune.

A test case of the Southern election laws reach the United States Supreme Court.

The Hanna ex-slave pension bill withdrawn.

Profs. Kelly Miller, W. E. B. DuBois and Jesse Lawson on the Freedmen's Inquiry Commission, which ought to be provided by this Congress.

Thieving church trustees punished by the strong arm of the law.

"Rubbernecks" get it in the neck.

A million-dollar donation to Negro education given by Rockefeller, Morgan, Carnegie and the rest—a paying investment in good citizenship.

A Negro president of Howard University, to succeed Dr. Rankin, who resigned recently.

Prof. W. H. Richards on the federal bench in our insular possessions.

Less denominationalism and more Christianity in our pulpits and pews.

The masses of the race work out their salvation in the South, moving only when a change can be made to the advantage of themselves and the community to which they may go.

Young Negroes acquiring a love for work.

A compulsory education law in force everywhere.

Laws mean the same thing for the white man that they mean for the black man.

A more strenuous effort to educate the poor whites of the South.

An intelligent agitation of the question of the Negro and the trades unions.

Energetic and talented young colored men paying less attention to politics and more to business.

Recorder Dancy get his appropriation allowed, so as to enable him to put his office in the condition to do the business of the District of Columbia.

The Chicago Conservator remain unsold for one consecutive month.

Loyal Roosevelt men placed on guard in the purely political offices under the national administration.

Money-making colored men at the bank oftener than at the banquet.

As much preparation made to live as to the matter of burying the dead.

Aspiring young Afro-Americans read Washington's "Up From Slavery" and "Character Building."

The A. M. E. Zion and the C. M. E. churches consolidated.

The Christian Recorder management "get together" for the good of the great organization it speaks for.

Our denominational publishing houses brag less about the relative bigness of their plants and get their work out more promptly and in better typographical style.

The General Education Board get straight behind the white illiterates of the South and teach them that a ballot is not a thing they can eat.

An employing class built up within the race, to provide openings for the products of our business training schools.

Ex-slaves give the confidence sharks a wide berth when they come around for a fee to push the so-called pension bill.

The uncultivated lands of the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama blossom as the rose through the thrift and industry of colored farmers who will buy and till them.

"Gripsack" preachers, teachers, and "gripsack" leaders in general given a ticket of leave.

Hot-air orators in the North shut up and go South, where they can study the race problem at close range.

The Negro become a reading people.

A strict enforcement of the vagrancy law in our overcrowded cities.

A closer examination into the character of the men who claim a place in the pulpit.

A VERY EXPLICIT LETTER BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

The following letter from President Roosevelt to the editor of the Constitution, Atlanta, Ga, is a reply to a request for an expression concerning the recent letter from Mr. Harry Stillwell Edwards of Macon, in which Mr. Edwards made a statement of the Pesident's position in the matter of Federal appointments of the South, holding that the President had been misunderstood. President Roosevelt writes:

"WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D C, Feb. 24, 1903

"The Hon. Clark Howell, Editor the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.:

"Dear Mr. Howell—As to Federal appointments in the South, frankly, it seems to me that my appointments speak for themselves, and that my policy is self-explanatory. So far from feeling that they need the slightest apology or justification, my position is that, on the strength of what I have done, I have the right to claim the support of all good citizens who wish not only a high standard of Federal service, but fair and equitable dealing to the South as well as to the North and a policy of consistent and good will toward all men. In making appointments I have sought to consider the feeling of the people of each locality so far as I could consistently do so without sacrificing principle. The prime tests I have applied have been those of character, fitness and ability, and when I have been dissatisfied with what has been offered within by own party lines I have without hesitation gone to the opposite party—and you are, of course aware that I have repeatedly done this in your own State of Georgia.

Defines Race Policy.

"I certainly cannot treat color as a permanent bar to holding office, any more than I could so treat creed or birthplace—always provided that in other respects the applicant or incumbent is a worthy and well-behaved American citizen Just as little will I treat it as conferring a right to hold office I have scant sympathy with the men of mere theory who refuse to face facts; but do you not think that in the long run it is safer for everybody if we act on the motto, 'All men up' rather than on that of 'Some men down?'

"I ask you to judge not by what I say, but by what during the last seventeen months I have actually done. In your own State of Georgia you are competent to judge from your own experience. In the great bulk of the cases I have reappointed President McKinley's appointees The changes I have made were, as I think you will agree, changes for the better and not for the worse It happens I have appointed a white man to succeed a colored man as postmaster at Athens and surveyor at Atlanta. In South Carolina I have similarly appointed a white postmaster to succeed a colored postmaster. Again in South Carolina I have nominated a colored man to fill a vacancy in the position of collector of the port of Charleston, just as in Georgia I have appointed the colored man who is now serving as collector of the port of Savannah Both are fit men. Why the appointment of one should cause any more excitement than the appointment of the other I am wholly at a loss to imagine. I need hardly say that to connect either of these appointments, or any or all my other appointments, or my actions in upholding the law at Indianola, with such questions as 'social equality' and 'Negro domination' is as absurd as to connect them with the nebular hypothesis or the theory of atoms

Party Advisers.

"I have consulted freely with your own senators and congressmen as to the character and capacity of any appointee in Georgia concerning whom their was question. My party advisers in the State have been Maj. Hanson of Macon, Mr. Walter Johnson of Atlanta—both of them ex-confederate soldiers—and Mr. Harry Stillwell Edwards, also of Macon. I believe you will agree with me that in no State would it be possible to find gentlemen abler and more upright or better qualified to fill the positions they have filled with reference to me. In every instance where these gentlemen have united in making a recommendation I have been able to follow their advice. Am I not right in saying that the Federal officeholders whom I have appointed throughout your State are, as a body, men and women of a high order of efficiency and integrity? If you know of any Federal officeholder in Georgia of whom this is not true, pray let me know at once. I will welcome testimony from you or from any other reputable citizen which will tend to show that a given public officer is unworthy; and, most emphatically, short will be the shrift of any one whose lack of worth is proven. Incidentally I may mention that a large percentage of the incumbents of Federal offices in Georgia under me are, as I understand it, of your own political faith. But they are supported by me in every way as long as they continue to render good and faithful service to the public.

"This is true of your own State; and by applying to Mr. Thomas Nelson Page of Virginia, to General Basil Duke of Kentucky, to Mr. George Crawford of Tennessee, to Mr. John McIlhenny of Louisiana, to Judge Joes of Alabama and Mr. Edgar S. Wilson of Mississippi, all of them Democrats, and all of them men of the highest standing in the respective communities. you will find that what I have done in Georgia stands not as the exception, but as the rule for all I have done throughout the South.

High Standard of Service.

"I have good reason to believe that my appointees in the different States mentioned—and as the sum of the parts in the whole, necessarily in the South at large—represent not merely an improvement upon those whose places they took, but upon the whole a higher standard of Federal service than has hitherto been attained in the communities in question. I may add that the proportion of colored men among these new appointees is only about one in a hundred.

"In view of all these facts I have been surprised, and somewhat pained, at what seems to me the incomprehensible outcry in the South about my actions—an outcry apparently started in New York for reasons wholly unconnected with the question nominally at issue I am concerned at the attitude thus taken by so many of the Southern people; but I am not in the least angry; and still less will this attitude have the effect of making me swerve one hair's breadth, to one side or the other, from the course I have marked out—the course I have consistently followed in the past and shall consistently follow in the future. With regard. sincerely yours. THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The girl's new bath-room at Tuskegee is now in use; a great inprovement over the old one. It supplies a long felt want. It cost $6,500. The one being constructed for the young men will cost $5,500 when completed.

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For the past session our enrollment was 370 students. Of this number there were 200 males and 170 females. The number preparing for the ministry was 35, number in industrial departments 50; numbers preparing to teach, 83. Average attendance for the year, 221; number of boarders, 113. Almost every county in the black belt was represented by one or more students, also the States of Texas and Mississippi and Indian and Oklahoma Territories.—Prof Jos. A. Booker Arkansas Baptist College.

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The college classes are deeply interested in President Wright's class talks on ethics. His manner of explaining and simplifying the many abstractions met with in the study is interesting.—College, (Ga) Journal.

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A conference of the Presidents of the Colored State A & M., Colleges has been called to meet in Chattanooga, Tenn, March 11th and 12th, to consider important matters connected with that work.

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The twelfth annual Tuskegee Negro conference began its sessions at Tuskegee N. and I school at Tuskegee, Ala., February 14 It was organized by Principal Booker T. Washington for the purpose of bringing together the Negro farmers and their wives who live in the vicinity of Tuskegee once a year for the purpose of counsel and advice with with each other. Mr. Washington presided at all the sessions and delivered the opening address, in part saying: "We shall get more out of struggle than out of contentment, etc, etc." Following this address was a general discussion by the farmers and their wives of their conditions. Those owning land and homes told how they acquired it, what difficulties they had met, etc. A careful census was made by Roscoe Conkling Bruce to show how many owned land, homes, live stock, etc, how many mortgaged their crops, how many come out ahead each year, how many individuals in a family, the nature and length of the schools, nature of the homes, etc. There was a large attendance at the workers' conference Feb. 18, made up of prominent educators of both races, and people interested in Negro education.

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Hot Springs News Notes.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special. — The week's carnival, which just closed on Friday night, March 6th, at Haven's Chapel was a financial success as well as an up-to-date entertainer. Mr. Will Daly and Lorena Williams were quietly married Feb. 22d. Mrs. E. D. Harrison of Chicago is here for the season. Bishop George Clinton of A M. E Zion church preached at the Auditorium on Sunday, March 1st. The seventh Bohemian fair at Roanoke Baptist church commenced March 9th, lasting one week. The late arrivals at the Manila hotel, this city, were John Franklin of New York, Miss Sallie Smith of Chicago, Ill., Sam Watson of St. Louis, Mo., and Charles Gordon of Chicago, Ill Say, good time waiters and bellmen, save your money as the season will soon be over and dull times on hand Subscribe for The Freeman, the popular Negro journal.

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A SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers will be in session from June 29 to August 7.

Rabbi Levy of New York City, Professors L. B. Moore and Kelley Miller of Howard University and Dr. Lucy Moten, Principal of the Negro Normal School Washington, D. C., Dr. W. E, B DuBois of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga, and Prof. Chas. H. Albert of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa, will be among the lecturers and teachers of the school. For full information regarding courses offered, tuition, expenses, railway rates. etc., address

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Charles Saunders, formerly headwaiter at the Iroquois, St. Paul, Minn., is now a prominent caterer of that city.

Chef William Wadkins, who has been in charge of the culinary department of the Caddo, Shreveport, La., is now at his home in Rogersville, Tenn. He was called home on account of the death of his father, and will now remain there until May when he will go to Tate Springs for the season. Mr. Wadkins is one of the leading chefs in the South.

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Whose heart is sad, and the unsung song
Lies dull on lips that sadly miss
The press of the warm impassioned kiss
Look up though the skies are black above
Still shines the star of hope and love;
Rest thee assured it is God's way,
And joy'll be thine some day, some day.

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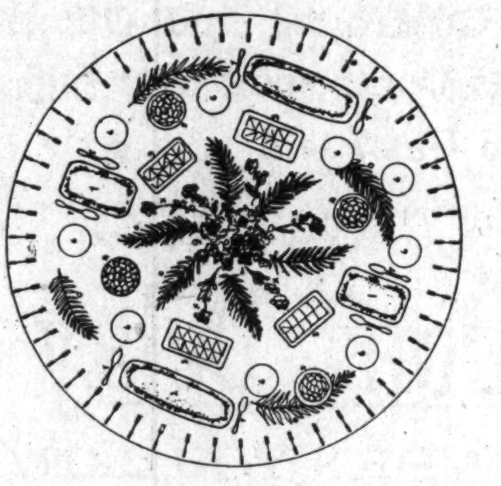

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An excellent full-page likeness of Major T. H. Frazier, one of the leading headwaiters of the country, in charge of the dining rooms of the Chittenden, Columbus, O., appears on the frontispiece of the current issue of "Hotel Life" published at Cleveland, O. In commenting upon the efficiency of his work, among other things, it says:

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The West house at Minneapolis, Minn., is among the latest hotels wrestled from the colored hotel men, having gone on the European plan. The reasons for this are manifold, among which may be mentioned a crew that was reported to be sloven and "behind the times." The same old, old story of non-progressive, ante-deluvian waiters who boss the headwaiter and attempt to run the hotel over the manager's protest. The chef and his crew also "got gay" and they were turned out in the "frost and snow." Some colored men must understand that hotels are run for the benefit of guests and not for the special accommodation of its servants. The Freeman regrets to learn of this misfortune, but, at the same time, glad to know that a large part of the crew found employment with Mr. Charles W. Dwyer, headwaiter of the Commercial Club, that city.

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Tod Mack of Troy, O., is now at the Illinois house, Bloomington, Ill.

Personal Items.

Palo Alto, Cal., Special.—Mr. L. Terrell has accepted a position with Dr. Black. Mrs. McCall was in town last week making arrangements to build. Mrs. Harding of Red Wood City is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Picket. R. English made a business trip last week.

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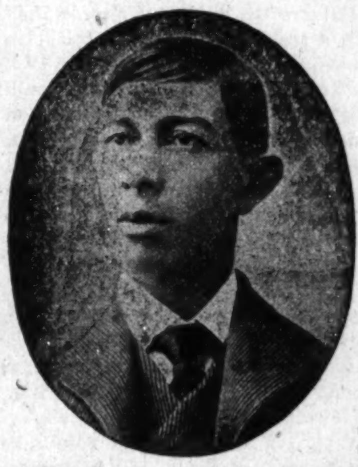

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CLOSE SCRUTINY.

Owing to the interest manifest in the race question we are receiving many clippings and marked newspapers that comment on the situation. As a whole the comment is favorable and usually those unfavorable spring some truths that are worth considering. Among a late batch of clippings, more or less violent in tone, is one which we reproduce in part:

"The only ambition of the best educated Negro is to have his ability recognized by the whites. His love for his own people—his interests in their advancement, generally speaking—has never yet reached the point where he makes the sacrifice of living among his less favored brethren and doing personal work in trying to uplift them. On the contrary, the greatest 'aristocrats' and the most exclusive people—from their standpoint—in our country are the Negroes with a little education and a little white blood. They hold themselves most rigidly aloof from 'common niggers,' as they call them This trait is as noticeable in the North as in the South."

The accusation, while not altogether just, is not without some truth. The arraignment from the "white side" of the question proves the close scrutiny that the "black side" is receiving. The criticism is one that has been spoken in whispers by the Negroes and not in whispers at all times, but at that the writer is too severe. He has touched on a question that is as intricately woven in the race question as the question in the main. It would be folly to attempt to discuss the many phases, but it can be said, in short, that the white people are quite as much responsible for the situation spoken of as those accused, owing to the preference shown the class.

The question branches out and the race, ethnologically considered, enters with its type-man, ideals, and so forth, which calls for unending discussion that would be wasted except on those who are simply searching for the truth for truth's sake. It opens up the questions of bloods, heredity, descent, etc. Nor can it be seen that these sub-questions vitally affect the main question. They can be only successfully treated at length and by other means than newspaper articles. It is a question within the race and it should be considered there.

A subscriber from Rogersville, Tenn., bemoans the fate of his town because, in a recent election, it voted anti-saloons or against whisky. He says the town overflowed with white women, and that it was a sight to see them grab colored men and carry them to the polls to vote in their interest.

The writer then says: "But the Negroes have done what the white people want, and now if they look at a white woman they will be lynched." Nothing of the kind. The women's work was in the interest of morals, good citizenship, economy and home; a work in the right direction, although their zeal displayed may have overshot the mark of what may be considered the rights of others.

The writer may be sarcastic when he says, 'I have always asked my friends to come to my home and spend their vacation with me, but as it is now I will have to hunt me a new home. I won't stay in any town that can't afford to have whisky," but it does not appear so. It may be seen why the writer might object if his living depended on a "wet" town, but otherwise he ought to be contented to abide by the will of the majority.

The writer says further: "One of our leading colored citizens swore he would not vote a dry ticket, but before the ballot box was closed he forsook all his friends and voted it; he could not withstand the temptation of the white ladies." The writer evidently is in earnest, but is misguided as to duty and right. The leading citizen of color simply filled his post as he should have done. If the town was being debauched by whisky as the ladies seems to have thought it was not beyond their duty to attempt to save it, and if erring, then with Goldsmith, it was on virtue's side. The leading colored citizen has nothing to be ashamed of, and if there is any honor in it, it came from the side he accepted.

Whisky needs no advocates; its a strong combatant; it can generally win in its own victories. The vigilance must be practiced on the other side.

The Freeman has no cause against saloons nor whisky, but they need attention, need limitations as those of years gone by had the excellent foresight to see; especially is it so in small communities where there is not that diversity of amusement to occupy the minds of the people.

Rev. H. S. Herrod, at the ex-slave pension meeting, said that the idea of getting pensions for old Negroes was foolish, and that the colored man should not depend on Congress to help him, but should work out his own salvation. His speech met the approval of the audience. So the Mr. Promoter can just fold up his tent and sneak away. Rev. Herrod had the righteous hardihood to throttle the engine of mischief in this community. He deserves the applause of all right thinking people for helping to squelch a movement that promises never ending troubles.

The race was not a public ward when it should have been one. And now, at this day, there is no disposition to make it one, nor is the necessity nearly so great, and great as the necessity may be, there still is the lack of disposition for several reasons far too great to ever overcome.

Rev. Morton made the expression that the "fool Negroes could never organize." Well, if that is a sample of the organizing industry it would better that they never organize. Cut out the fool project. 'Fool" needs a good forcible expletive in front of it at that. Individual assininity is sufficient without an order—vale—exit.

The Bungaloos are again in evidence according to the reports of Sunday night's melee. It is said that two drunken Negroes caused the row by their conduct on the main streets, etc. The Bungaloos are not the police, who should have dealt with the rowdy Negroes. The city narrowly escaped a lynching scene, which would have added further disgrace.

The Negroes are to be condemned for their conduct as well as the Bungaloos, who are not policemen. What we may say for or against the parties will not help very much. We may say, however, that all Negroes know that there is some race feeling; it's everywhere, and knowing this, drunken men and sober men, in running counter to it, do it at their peril. It's no pleasing task to defend rowdy drunken men under any circumstances. Punishment was due them, but we insist that the police and not the mob should have taken the matter in hand

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It is said that the Negroes of Missouri will petition the President with the view of having him defeat the measure to give the St. Louis World's Fair $5 000,000 by Congress for its promotion in event the legislature passes the "Jim Crow" car law in that State. It would be better to exert the influence toward the defeat of the bill rather than attempting to defeat the project. The movement, if what is said is true, is indiscreet—very, very indiscreet. "Jim Crow" cars are not desirable simply because they stand for an un-American idea and not abhorrent otherwise, at least to that degree which calls for such retaliation. Petition the legislators; we are in no attitude to threaten, as much as we may not like the assertion The Missouri leaders will make a blunder if they carry out what is said to be their program. Work on the legislature.

The Kansas Legislature has passed a barber's bill with an examining board attachment. The board is to be made up of two members who must be members of the union. Colored men do not belong to the union, and there you are. "Nick" Chiles, the colored politician, says, "We will see that the law is knocked out by the Supreme Court." "We will see, etc,;" that is a pretty brisk statement, and under the circumstances most especially so. It does appear to us that inserting a word that would designate race would be quite as fair as a word designating a society, and in justice to colored men who are so largely in the barbering business, a position is due them on such boards. Mr Chiles will stand a better chance of winning his case if he does not try to win it before he files it.

The legislature adjourned without making a new primary election law or revising the old one. The great majority of the members had no personal experience with the working of the present law, hence could not know its defects. The Marion county delegation, however, could have helped in the matter, but could they afford to impeach the very laws that had so much to do with their own making?

Thanks are due the Marion county delegation in the legislature for putting down the barbers' bill. It was legislation by negation, and those opposed to the bill, mainly the colored barbers, are happy.

Dr. J. M. Townsend of this city has just closed a very successful revival meeting, during which many persons were added to the church as converts and by renewing their membership Dr. Townsend is of the A. M. E church and a prominent candidate for bishop. The very much desired position has been almost within his grasp on several occasions, but he has relied on the theory of everything comes to those who wait, perhaps, too much so. In the amended form and to suit the day, it reads, "Everything comes to those who wait and work, even unto eclesiastical candidates."

Rev. J. D. Gordon of Atlanta, Ga., has an excellent article in a recent issue of the Atlanta News, wherein he thanks the editor of that paper for his timely words on the race question. Rev. Gordon's article is temperate, conservative and full of judicious advice to his own race. The News was very generous, according him much space, which was well occupied.

The mass meeting in New York was a great affair. It hailed President Roosevelt as the great apostle of freedom. Fervid "Lord bless him," punctuated at every favorable angle. Bishop W. B. Derrick paid his respects to Senator Tillman in very forceful language.

While casting around for Presidential timber don't forget the distinguished Fairbanks, the Senior Senator of Indiana; he's a thirteen-inch gun also.

The Indiana Legislature needed a nerve tonic or something quieting; it had the legislative jim jams.

Mayor E. P. Howell of Atlanta, Ga., at the educational mass meeting recently held in that city, said in part:

"There is a false idea throughout this country regarding the condition of the races."

"I don't believe there is any difference between the good white man and the good Negro

'There is no feeling between the old master and his ex slave. Why shouldn't we be willing to help you? We were not responsible for your being here England started the slave trade and later New England took it up and brought the bulk of them over here. As a former slave owner I tell you I thank God you are free.

"The great reason why we don't get along better is prejudice. You have suffered from it; we have suffered from it.

"Why, these race problems have always existed. They have been here ever since the time that Cain and Abel came into the world.

"The way to settle the race problem is for you to work for the uplifting of both races If a man does something wrong, or commits a crime, don't shield him. Give him up to the law. He is degrading you. He is pulling you down."

Mayor Howell advised the Negroes to buy land and commence farming.

"Keep out of politics." "Have nothing to do with it. I don't care how you vote. All I want you to do is to keep away from the politicians."

A Good Appointment.

Mommouth, Ill., Special.—The weatherman has been very good to us the past few days, spring weather. The boys of the Warren County Republican Club were all smiles on the morning of the 12th, because the man they endorsed for the janitorship of the court-house, R. L. Wallace, began work the 1st, at a salary of $1.120 per year. There were twenty-five applicants, all white but two. This is the first time that a black man has had full charge. The Club was organized a little over a year ago by S. J. Williams and they are doing excellent work and obtaining the proper recognition. Rev J. W. Crushan is is here assisting Rev. G. C. Mason of the Second Baptist church in a revival. Zacariah Twyman is lying very low at his home in S First street. Mrs Martha Mason, wife of Rev G. C. Mason is very sick. Rev G. W. Jones is meeting with much success in his pastorate of the A. M. E church.

Paid a Welcome Visit.

New Albany, Miss., Special.—H. B. Jordan, an old representative of The Freeman, stopped in our city last week and secured several subscribers. While in the city he stopped at Bigham's restaurant. We feel that he did us much good and will welcome him again.

A Good Advice.

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MALLORY BROS. (Feuberg Stock, Co.)—Bangor, Me., week of March 16.

eGorge Bass, the young comedian, with Gideon's minstrels, is singing "The Missionary Man."

"La" She writes that he has a few parks, county and street fairs booked for the summer season.

Laura Prampin, cornet soloist and vocalist, is playing a return date week of the thh at the Crystal Grotto, Madison, Wis. Regards to friends.

Will Goff Kennedy sends regards to Ed Tolliver, Will Garland, Henry McCammon, Fountain Woods, the Allen push, and all friends. You will hear from me later.

Amos Gillaird is at Pat Chappelle's Buckingham Theater. Sends his best regards to the "Student Doctors." Boys. I will certainly be up in God's country next season if nothing happens.

Mattie Wilkes was among those seen present at the Williams and Walker performance by Sylvester Russell, on Monday evening, March 2. She was looking as beautiful as when last seen in the "Smart Set" Company.

Harry Brown opened the 9th on the Wisconsin circuit, playing Racine, Milwaukee and Madison with Kensington, Ill., to follow. Mr. Brown has signed a three years' contract with the Mutual Lyceum Bureau as feature and manager of one of their companies.

"The Great Wang-Doodle Comedy Quartette," James White, Erb Robinson, Harvey Goodall and Julius Glenn, have been engaged as especial attraction with Gus Hill and Bob Manchester's "Vanity Fair" Company. They have put a quartette of saxophones to their act which is quite a new and novel feature.

Al. A. Holman writes from "Hottest Coon in Dixie" Company: Our engagement at Wheeling, W, Va., was very enjoyable and incidentally profitable, as we broke all records for five consecutive shows, and during the engagement Billy Miller, our leading comedian, tendered the entire company a banquet, and it was the most enjoyable event of the season, this being Billy's home (by acclamation). Why, he was well remembered by his friends, both white and black, having had so many bouquets passed over the footlights that the show was delayed at each performance from ten to eighteen minutes. Prof. James Y. Gilliam's cornet band and Harry C. Holland's "Hottest Coon in Dixie" orchestra came in for their share of praise from both pres sand public. The new show is meeting with the public's approval. The entire company sends regards to Daddy Love, P. Ross Hendrix, and all friends.

Notes from the Domino Theatre, Fernandina, Fla.:—We are still among the land of the living. DeVine & Williams are on their third week and are making more than good. They are taking from two to three encores and curtain calls nightly. Miss Minnie Carrol has apened for an indefinite period. We are among the many houses in the South that never close, and can make room for a few more creole ladies. Hi Henry Hunt, of the N. O. Minstrels, spent two days with his friend. Webster Williams, Dennis & Jones send regaards to all friends. Dennis is singing "I'm a Jonah," with success. Web. Williams is featuring "I've got my Eyes on You." Miss Stella Jones is rendering "When ate and I were Coming through the Rye." Miss Vida DeVine is introducing "My Starlight Sue." Miss Carrie Hall is rendering "I just can't Help from Loving that Man." Miss Minnie Carrol is singing "Gracie, Father Kinnie," says the band played my "High Born Lady." Regards to Tom Logan.

We clip the following from a Rockford, Ill., daily:

"A large house and a thoroughly delighted one marked the appearance here at the rGand last night, of Gideon's Big Minstrels. Not for a long time has a better troupe of colored minstrels visited Rockford, if indeed, a better one ever came here. A good deal of the genuine spirit of minstrelsy in injected into the performance, and this with some especially good singing, clever specialties and genuine comedy makes up a decidedly interesting program. Many unmistakable "hits" featured the engagement. The rst part is a strong one and the setting was very pretty. The vocal selections of Copeland, Moss, Harris, Rice, Turner, Johnson were all praiseworthy. Skinner Harris perhaps leading in favor. His comedy caught the audience and the little satire he and Dusdanes contrive was a good thing. The singing of the quartette was pleasing in every way. It is an exceptionally well balanced organization. "La he" did his remarkable feats on the slack wire and a number of novelties in the way of specialties illumined the program.

'Many people there are who say minstrelsy is far from what it was in the good old days, but nevertheless there are a number of first class organizations in thcis favorite line of entertainment and the Gideons seem to be in the 'van."

Napoleon Johnson writes from Big Minstrel Festival: There are two towns we played this season that I will never forget, viz., Lampasses, Tex., and Brocton, Ala. We played the latter on the 6th and any one that has had—may I say the pleasure—of showing either one of the said places will quite agree with me when I say once played they will never be forgotten, especially when you have to parade from car. et the business done amply paid for the walk we had. The show is running smoothly now since the change, and Wm. Garland, as interlocutor, is more than making good. In Ensley some Ofay's band men hearing that we had "William Tell' in our repertoire, requested S. E. Dodd, our band leader, to have the band play it. So after we had finished they were heard to remark: "Those niggers has certainly got a fine band and know how to handle classic overtures." S. E. Dodd, as a director, is making quite a hit. S. H. Dudley is now singing, "If You Can't Be the Bell Cow Fall Behind," and it is a winner. Clarence Powell, the big-mouth comedian, is holding his own and spells chicken to the satisfaction of all. He will put on two new songs in a few days. Still the hoops are being rolled by Kraton. Enough said. * * Simpson & Pittman, the musical cadets are still a feature in the olio. * * It would like to hear from John Mobley, trombone player, formerly of Nashville Students, and Ed. Looney of "Hottest Coon in Dixie." Frank Clermont, during our short stay in New Orleans I was out to headquarters —when we, the Students, played there season before last—and had a fine time. They all asked about you and send regards.

Notes from Buckingham Theater, Tampa, Fla.: Business continues good, and active preparations are being made for the opening of the season of the "Rabbit Foot." Rehearsals are in progress and everything is getting in ship-shape order. Our brass band, under the leadership of Prof. A. G. Jones, will be one of the best on the road. Following is the roster of the musicians and others expected daily: Prof. A. G. Jones, cornetist, leader of band and orchestra; Willie Lewis, cornet B and O; Lewis Williams, clarionet; Frank Hopkins, first violin and solo alto; E. D. Collins, alto; W. G. Kennedy, alto; Amos Gailliard, trombone, B and O; Aifred Hunt, second trombone; Rudolph Reynolds, trombone and second violin; Josiah Gayles, baritone; Wm. Thomas, tuba; Oscar Hicks, traps; C. D. Brooks, bass drum; Bradley and Leach are still making good. Pauline Crampton, the magnet, is installed as a permanent Tampa favorite. Happy Howe is still tickling them. W. Goff Kennedy is singing "all" the late songs and is setting a hot pace. Lucy Pettus is singing in good form and always pleases. Laura Logan, Ada Harris, Lizzie Roberts, Pearl Wyatt, eGo. McDaniels, Clifford D. Brooks complete our list of entertainers. Each and every member wishes to be remembered to all friends. D. Ireland Thomas, bookkeeper and stage director, is spending a few days in New Orleans. In his absence Will Goff Kennedy is at the helm.

The Color Line in Providence, R. I.

When Sylvester Russell entered Wolf's Dairy Lunch Cafe at Providence, R. I., Feb. 23d, at noon, and seated himself at a front table, he was asked to take another seat at a rear table reserved for colored people. Mr. Russell politely refused to move, and the proprietor refused to serve him. Mr. Russell further replied that he had plenty of time and would remain seated until he was served. In the meantime a reporter on the Telegram appeared with a sketch artist, who sketched Mr. Russell's position seated at the table, from an outside window. After one hour had elapsed and nearly all the guests had left the dining room Mr. Russell was served to his heart's content. When he left the cafe he was besieged by reporters and a snapshot photographer. All these pictures were reproduced in the Evening Telegram (first edition), Feb. 24th. In giving out a statement, Mr. Russell said: "The color line is drawn more by waiters than by guests or proprietors." All of the guests were in sympathy with Russell.

MALLORY BROS AND BROOKS, WITH FENBERG'S STOCK CO.

Mallory Brothers and Miss Mazie Brooks are with the Fenberg Stock Company (white), as a special vaudeville feature. The company is now touring the New England States. The press and public where they have appeared with this company speak in the highest terms of their artistic work. They carry an expensive outfit of instruments in their act, the cost of which will exceed $2,000, very noticeable among which is Miss Brooks's Italian harp, manufactured by the firm of Lyons & Healy. (Chicago) at an expense of one thousand dollars. Miss Brooks has recently purchased some very expensive gowns, and the Mallory Bros. have added a comedy finish to the act, (The Hpnotized Chicken), which is novel, laughable, and artistnc, they have been engaged for the month's of July and August, to appear at Forest Highland park, St. Louis, Mo.; Sans Souci Park, Chicago; Ingersoll Park, Des Moines, Ia. and Lake Contrary Park, St. Joseph, Mo. Miss raGcie Holliday is with them and making quite a hit with her work, she also plays parts in the dramas with the company and she has received flattering notices for her dramatic work in the same. The Mallory Bros. are very progressive, and they are preparing to go a step higher on the ladder of fame next season.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank all the performers who so liberally and promptly contributed to the Bland fund. This first effort has been praiseworthy. It was entered into with a good spirit of brotherhood. In behalf of LeRoy Bland, whose burden of sorrow we have partly shared, I thank you all.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Demise of Wallace King.

Wallace King, the greatest colored tenor of his time, who died in Oakland, Cal., Feb. 20, from Bright's disease, was born in Newark, N. J., about 1840. He came from a fine family, was discovered and trained by Prof. J. H. O'Fake, a noted voice and piano instructor, who once taught in all the wealthiest white families of New Jersey. Prof. O'Fake, who was killed at a railroad crossing a few years ago at the age of 80, was very particular and crabbed. He only boasted of three singers of his own race—Wallace King, the first and oldest; Belle Parker Harris and Sylvester Russell, the last the youngest, whom he discovered and tutored.

Wallace King's greatest success in America was won at the Fourteenth-Street Theater, New York, in Callender's Georgia Minstrels, about fifteen years ago. He was held in high favor and his greatest song successes were, "Some Day" and "A Boy's Best Friend Is His Mother," The Callender minstrels had just returned from their European success, and notably in the cast were Billy Kersands, Sam Lucas, Billy Greene, Billy Wilson, Billy Speed and Madah and Louise Hyer. Shortly after this engagement Mr. King went to Australia with Hicks and Sawyer's minstrels, which stranded in favor of Hicks and Sawyer, themselves returning to America. Judging from the recent report from California, King had been struggling, evidently on his way coming home to die.

(New York Age please copy.)

Notes from Boston, Mass.

There is one thing especially noticeable about the Golden Gate Quartette, that has just clcosed their engagement at Keith's new theatre; that is, the several changes they make. Mrs. Fanny Winifred assisted the quartette; the costumes that she wore took the breath of the audience. The week's bill at Kieth's is said to be the hardest in two years. Am glad to say that the quartette hold their own and received several encores.

The Grant Club is as popular as ever with all the performers; you can get more amusement at the Grant than at any other place in Boston. Judge Hardy is very popular with all the boys; he is on hand every night looking out for the side board. Chas. Nichols, an old employee of the Club, can be found up stairs as usual.

Mr. William Hardy, proprietor, deserves great credit for the way he manages their swell place of amusement. Several hundred dollars have just been spent in remodeling his club; he sends regards to all the performers.

The Western boys have changed their name once more; they call themselves the Totelon Gang.

George Bill is President and McCarty is ever the sport on Pleasant street. He is trying to find out their game.

Pete Armsted, who is known the country over as the Black Prince, is still the favorite at the club; his diamonds are sparkling as usual.

Lawrence Burt is at present head steward of the Grant Club. When he first took the position, it was predicted that he would not be popular with the boys, but am glad to say that their prediction has proven untrue. He is regarded as the most popular man the club ever had. As a mixologist he is one of the best in the country, regardless of color. Mr. Burt is very humorous and for that alone makes him a prime favorite with all the performers.

Mr. James Allen, the well-known tonsorial artist, is doing a very good business at his place on Pleasant street; he is assisted by the well-known gentlemen, Charles Bill, Thomas Tillman and Murry W. Evans. They always try to please ever one. The Freeman is always on file in their shop.

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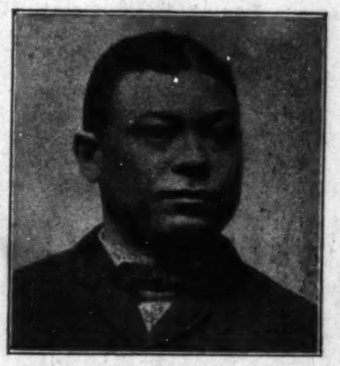
CLARK BURTON.



JOHN BANKS,

Who, himself, is a Lord McAllister and popular gentleman, is now associated with Mr. Burton as a business partner. Perhaps there is no place in the country more talked of among the sporting colored people than the Oakwood Sample Room and Music Hall now operated by these two genial gentlemen. It has gained its reputation by being the headquarters for all sporting events. where the latest reports are received from all over the world of all important base ball games, glove contests and the race course. This place has been newly remodeled—new music hall, club rooms, manual training school—and there are plans now being made to construct a summer roof garden, which, when completed, will be the only one operated by colored men in the country. Their grand opening for the spring occurred on Monday evening, March 5, 1903. Their invitation extended to all, and a banquet was served after 11 p.m. Their place is located at 214 Indiana avenue.

Special News.

Nicholasville, Ky, Special.—Protracted meeting going on at the Christian church. Rev. Davis, will do the preaching all are invited to attend, Rev. C. C. Goines will preach a series of doctrinal sermons when he comes home he delivered his first sermon Feb, 22nd. Mrs Eliza Favors and Mrs. Margret West are still on the sick list. Mrs. Sallie Chatwell left Monday for Louisville. The Baptist church has the largest membership of any church in town, white or colored and one third of them ought to be kicked out because they dont fit in the buildiog. The M E. chuch South has a pipe organ, so have we J W Smith the undertaker and Henry Fry the coal dealer are doing good business here. B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday Evening at 6 o'clock not 7. M. E, Smally Pres. Some people wants to go and find the meaning of the word "minstrel" they have the wrong conception of the word after you find the word then tell me the difference between an old folks concert and a minstrel then tell me the difference between a musical concert and a minstrel. Which is worse a preacher's wife acting a minstrel in church or preachers wife playing for a musical intertainment in a hall The Clayborn aggreation will go to Keene Camp Nelson and Lexington under the direction of Jas. H. Wilson. The Baptist will organize a convert choir of twenty five voices in the near future. Read The Freeman 5 cents per copy J.H. WILSON, Agent.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Dr. Daniel Williams, the famous Chicago surgeon, will deliver a lecture in Atlanta March 16, in the college chapel, for the benefit of Morris Brown nurse training department. It will be a treat to see this famous man, much less to hear him. The physicians and surgeons, dentists and pharmacists are preparing to give the doctor a royal welcome.

Two millionaires, Messrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr., and William H. Baldwin, Jr., and their wives were the guests of Dr. Booker T. Washington last week. Thease people are the creme de la creme of the blue blooded aristocracy, yet we see them paying homage to the saage of Tuskegee. And there are others.

Mr. Rodman M. Smith, has recently been appointed as United States Gauger in the internal Revenue Department. Mr Smith passed the examination for admission to the Central High School from the E. M Stanton School, Seventeenth and Christian streets, the only colored boy in a class of twenty that passed the examination. The Freshman Class of the Central High School numbered over six hundred students that year, of which eight or nine were colored, at the end of the Sophomore year all the colored boys had left but Mr. Smith, who graduated June 13, 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, the only colored graduate in a class of 120. Mr. Smith also has the honor of being the first colored graduate from the new Central High School, which has recently been dedicated, having spent his Senior year there. On October 7, 1901, he passed the cival service examination for clerk gauger in the First Revenue district of Pennsylvania, standing No. 7 on a list of twenty, being the only colored competitor, and was appointed January 23 1903, as United States Gauger in the First District of Pennsylvana by the Secretary of the United States Tresury upon the recommendation of the Collector of Internal Revenue William McCoach, at a salary of twelve to eighteen hundred a year, nine to ten months.

The Rev. Henry T. Johnson, a colored minister of Camden, got a judgement for $500, in the United States Circuit court last week against the Pullman Car Company, because of the refusal of the superintendent of a dining car to serve him with breakfast Johnson is editor of the Christian Recorder, the official organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The plaintiff was travelling on the Seaboard Air Line in March, 1902, and between Jacksonville and Richmond was served with two meals on the train. At Richmond a dining car was added to the train When he entered it on the first call for breakfast, he said the conductor told him there was no room. He tried again on the second call, and the result was the same.

Johnson testified that he then asked the conductor whether the refusal was on account of his color and was told that it was. After the third call and when all the other passengers had breakfasted, Johnson said he was told by a waiter that he could get breakfast. He went again to the dining car where he found the crew sitting down to breakfast. He then refused to eat. Conductor Greeley denied that the question of color had entered into his conversation with the colored preacher. Judge Kirkpatrick instructed the jury that the question was purely one of fact. If they found that Johnson's breakfast was refused because he was black it was their duty to find a verdict for the amount prescribed in the act. The company had a right to make reasonable regulations for convenience of its passengers, and was not compelled to accommodate all the passengers at the same time.

THE WAITER....

Some Pertinent Questions For Headwaiters.

In a recent issue of The Freeman a correspondent asks some pertinent questions which we do hope some of the colored headwaiters who recently attacked the colored sidewaiter in a manner very compromising on the propriety of their actions as men and as race lovers, who, from the pressing needs of life, work under white men filling the position of headwaiter where colored waiters are employed.

In repeating the questions so pertinently put before the headwaiters in last week's issue of The Freeman, we look forward with no small degree of pleasure to an intelligent and satisfactory solution to the increasing difficulties which the colored man as a waiter must face. The parties who so viciously assailed the colored waiters heretofore will find some very "hard nuts to crack" in the questions:

1. "When a white headwaiter has been engaged to work colored waiters, what must the sidewaiters do?"

Please give some useful suggestions for future actions on this particular point.

2. "When it comes to be a question of work under a white headwaiter or no work at all, what shall the sidewaiter do in such case?"

3 "Is it a fault of the sidewaiter that some managers want a white headwaiter?"

Ah! there is the rub, will some of the much-offended colored headwaiters please give some information upon this point?

4. "Is it a fault of the colored headwaiter, if so, what is the remedy?"

Do not look back upon dead yesterday for excuses to shame unborn to-morrow!

5. "Has the colored headwaiter neglected or failed to impress managers that he is as competent as a white man?"

That is the unkindest cut of all. There is the question upon which the future destiny of the Negro waiter is hinged; the pivot that must either make or remove him from the public eye as a valuable servant at the table of fashionable society people.

When replying to questions set forth herewith do not, through malice or to justify some ignited feeling of injustice, try to parade any certain party before the public eye, nor would we appreciate your silence as a salient virtue. We look forward with infinite pleasure to a solution which will prove an aid and a help to the sidewaiter in the future.

A. B. CARTER.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Revival Meetings Still in Progress.

Jacksonville, Ill, Special – The revival meetings are still in progress at Bethel A. M. E. church in charge of the evangelist, Rev. Lena Mason. Large audiences have been in attendance and there have been numerous conversions. Forty persons have united with the church. A great deal of interest is evidenced. The public is invited to attend. The funeral of Mrs. Mattie Walker was held at Mt. Emory Baptist church on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p. m. A large number of friends and acquaintances were present. The services were conducted by Rev. H. H. Dewitt, assisted by Messrs. Russell, Rirk and Moore. Mrs. Fannie Strawn is very ill at her home on Arnett street. James Corbin is lying seriously ill at his residence on South Sandy street. Mrs Mary Clark is very ill at her residence on Marion street.

Social and General News.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Mr. Guy, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of friends. The funeral of Mrs. Edward Lewis was held Saturday afternoon at the Second Baptist church, Rev. Warren conducting the services. The Wayman club rendered a special program Friday evening. Mrs. Curtis, mother of Mrs. L. A. Fletcher, continues very ill. P. S. Rhodes, of New York, is in the city visiting his mother Robert Riff and wife were called to Indianapolis on Friday last to attend the funeral of the former's sister. Wallace Johnston is visiting in Chicago. The Women's Progressive club will give a mock wedding at the A. M. E. church on the 10th A beautiful quilt will be given the person guessing the identity of the bride. Mrs. Scott, of Kilgore avenue, is visiting in Cincinnati. Revival services are still in progress at the Second Baptist church. Miss Maud Lucas, of Danville, Ill., is in the city to visit her parents.

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Tuskegee Institute Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala, Special.—The Tuskegee Negro Conference was held last week. The attendance was not as large as in previous years because of the fearful weather, but a great many prominent men from all parts of the country were present. Besides taking part in the Workers' conference many of them delivered instructive addresses to the students in the chapel. The school was visited, Feb. 25th, by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and his wife, who visited all the departments of the school and spoke to the students in the chapel. Mr. Wm. H. Baldwin, Jr., of New York, one of our trustees, is also spending a week with us at this time. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the department of scientific agriculture this year. Young men are continually coming from other schools to take a post graduate course in that department.

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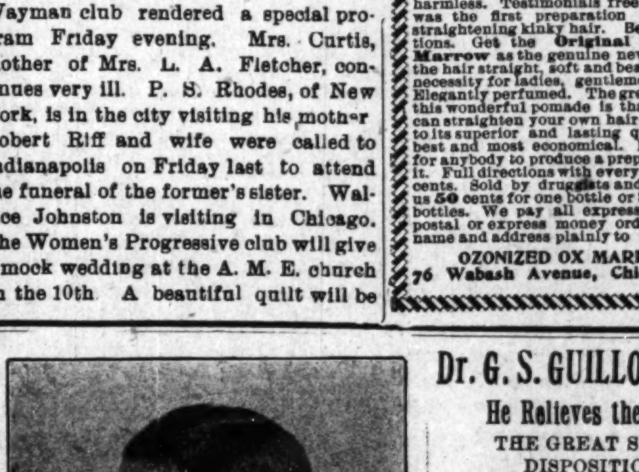

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THOU SHALT BE.

(By J. B. HOWARD.)

Kirk Rochelle was nothing if not a day dreamer. His quixotic fancy and powers of imagery always pandered to the seemingly impossible, and yet at the same time, most of the phantoms his truant thoughts were pleased to chase were invariably clothed with a plausibility which would astound his friends when he chose to expound them. On the particular day this little tale opens, which, by the way was Christmas morning, our philosophic theorist was quietly seated by his little desk in a modest, but neatly furnished apartment of his quiet home, abstractedly gazing into the smoldering embers of the well filled fire place. Kirk had been unusually successful and was rapidly gaining a National reputation as a rising young colored song writer. Some of the best publishing houses had put out his "stuff," and the Negro theatrical profession had swarmed to him as the coming genius of his race in supplying them with tuneful lyrics.

Something had evidently gone amiss with him on this particular morning. The truth was he had been sorely put out by the failure of an old school chum to put in an appearance. Paul Stanley had written him more than three weeks before that he would surely be in Chicago and would spend the holidays as his guest. Christmas day had come and was fast passing away, yet no Paul.

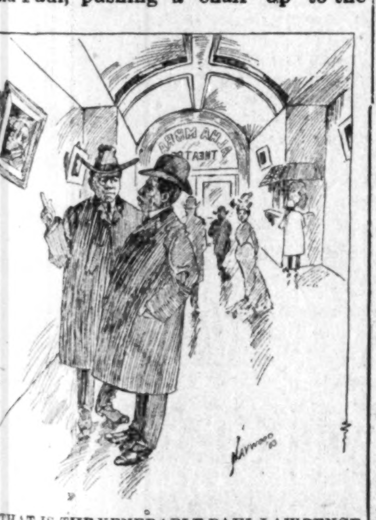
"Confound it, why could he not have had the good grace to write a fellow a line and explain if he were not coming. However, I shan't be too hard in my criticism just yet, as I strongly suspect his fellow-townsmen have extended him such a cordial welcome on his return to the states from his long labors in the Islands that he has been too up-set to even think of me or his engagement. Then, too, he may have put off his coming to the last moment in order to give me a genuine Christmas surprise. I shall wait till noon before I give him out."

Kirk stretched himself out in his chair as he finished this little soliloquy and running his hands into his trousers' pockets, leaned his head lazily back into the big armed chair. He was seated thus for some moments still gazing into the fire, when lo! he looked up and there stood his friend Paul Stanley—big, robust, healthy Paul of old. He thought his friend looked quite stunning in his English cut raiment, which set his tanned complexion off to a nicety that was really attractive.

"Well, by all that is holy," exclaimed Kirk, springing from his seat and grasping the proffered hand of his friend, "if it isn't you Paul, old man, at last! Really I had about given you out, and was beginning to think how I was going to offer an excuse to my friends up at the club, where I have arranged a little spread for 5 o'clock this afternoon in your honor."

"It was an unavoidable detention I assure you, old fellow," quickly apologized Paul. "That beastly train had to be more than three hours late. However, I am here and yours—all yours for the rest of the week."

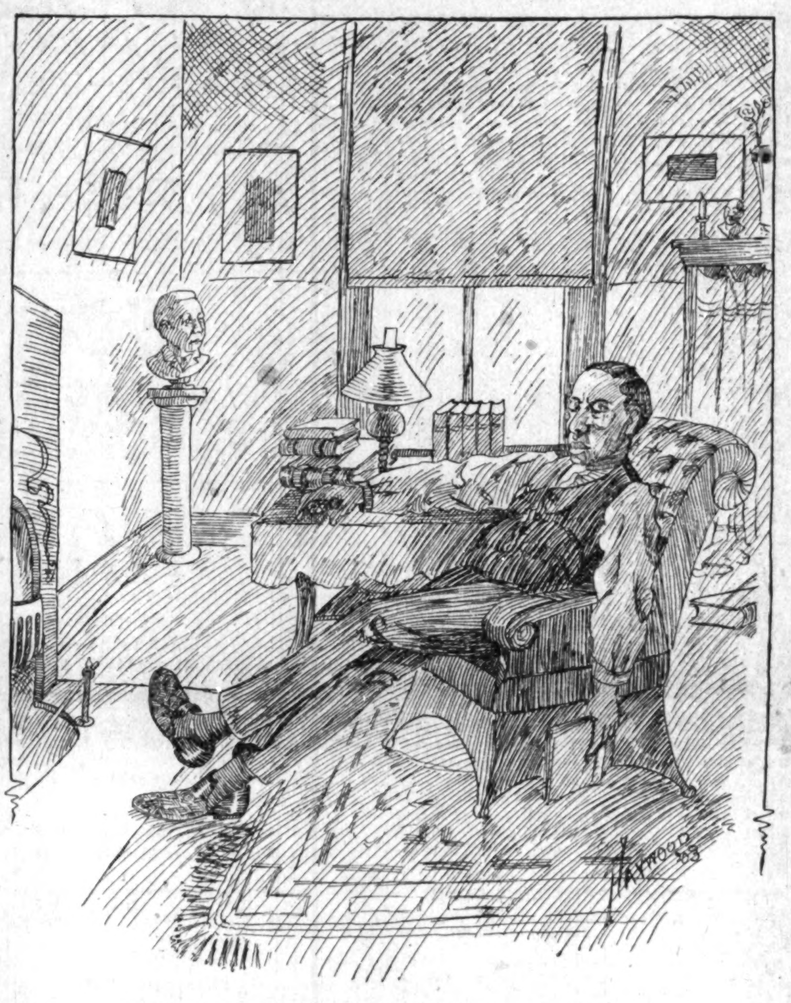
"Do sit down and warm yourself," said Paul, pushing a chair up to the fire. "Ah, that's better," he went on, hanging his friend's raglan over the back of a chair and placing his hat on the desk. "Now old man while I am mixing a toddy, sail right in and tell me something of your educational labors in Porto Rico, I am dying to know."



"THAT IS THE VENERABLE PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR, NOW CALLED THE GRAND OLD MAN OF LITERATURE," OBSERVED KIRK.

"Well, to start with, I like it immensely. The petty prejudices with which I had first to contend consequent upon the spasmodic exodus of Southern white women to the field, shortly after my appointment as you will remember, have, in a measure, all passed away, and I am glad to say that I am getting on swimmingly. In this particular governmental employment Uncle Sam is certainly treating his agents as one and the same. The seed planted by the McKinley administration immediately after the occupation of the Island at the close of the Spanish-American war, have developed into wholesome results, and the precedents then established have never been altered as regards the survival of the fittest. The white teachers have begun to look upon the field as belonging in part to especial Negro labor. This is due, old man, to the mongrelity of the people, the result of the old Spanish regime and its brutal miscegenation. I am now drawing first class pay, having worked myself up, as you know, from an humble assistant. It is a good field for all Negroes, both men and women, who have any knowledge of the Spanish language and are willing to weather the isolation, and can, of course, pass the examination. But more of this anon. Tell me what shall we be doing to while away the time between now and the hour set for your little dinner party?"

As this little recitation was finished relative to his connection with the government in the capacity of teacher to the Porto Rican children in the far-away Island, Paul arose and accepted the glass which Kirk extended. "Confound you, old man, I am proud of you," observed Rochelle as he looked admiringly at his companion. "We will reserve further of this interesting talk 'till we get to the club this evening, where I am sure the other fellows will be delighted to listen in rapture to your narrative."



KIRK ROCHELLE WAS NOTHING, IF NOT A DAY DREAMER.

After a short discussion of the dear old school life they had spent together in the sweet long ago, and the thousand and one amusing events incident thereto, the two friends started down town to take in a Christmas matinee as a means of whiling away the time until dinner, which was ordered at 5 o'clock at the Appomattox Club.

"Time brings many changes, eh, old man?" observed Paul, as they strolled leisurely along.

"I should say it does," responded Kirk. "Let me see, how long has it been since we met? Why, bless me, it must be fully twelve years."

"Quite," answered Paul.

"It seems almost impossible for me to conceive the rapid flight of time. Do you remember, Paul, how, about ten years after McKinley's assassination when the dawn of the Negro's new Emancipation from the prejudices of that period were just beginning to bud into tangible existence, our old professor used to preach to us of the new era just opening up to the Negro, and how events were then pointing to indications which bespoke his ultimate salvation from conditions with which we were then environed? Oh how we knowing ones used to laugh and put it all down as so much rot. We then thought that Booker T. Washington—the great educator and Moses of our people—had put forth the only practical solution of the great problem which at that time confronted and agitated the people. But ah, my boy, since his day have come greater men than he, at whom the people now marvel as the concentrators and manipulators of the combined moneyed interests of our race"

"You are right Kirk," said Paul. "Of course you refer to that mighty band, the True Reformers?"

"I do indeed," replied Kirk. "Don't you know at times I can scarcely realize the magnitude of that concern? As I said before, they have proven the greatest concentrating agent of an improvedent race's wealth this world will ever know again. Let me see: it was during Fairbanks' first administration, I think—yes, I am quite sure—for he was the next President after the second term of Rossevelt, was he not?"

Paul nodded a quiet assent.

"Well, it was then" he went on, "that they first attracted the attention of the world as a formidable and rapidly growing factor destined to be one of the great money powers of America; and now we have ample proof of the exactness of that prediction all around us. In every state their amalgamated interests and acquisition of various properties is positively appalling."

'Yes, I think the founders of this institution will ever remain the idols of Negro history," said Stanley. "We are to be thankful that the American people showed their wisdom in sending that gallant man Johnson, of Ohio, to the Presidential seat at this most critical moment in the history of this organization. I mean directly after Fairbanks. They could not have sent a better exponent and advocate of the principles of civic justice to all than he. Don't you remember how the Association of American Bankers about this time had begun to cast suspicious glances at the various banking establishments this organization were putting into operation in different sections of the country, and how their mutterings were going abroad to the people in concerted voice relative to the growing substantiality and ambitions of the Negroes along this line? Well, they got no encouragement from President Johnson, who flatly refused, if you remember, to lend his support to any measure tending to restrict the progress of this work. He pointed out that the fundamental basis upon which his political career had been built, dated from the very day on which he took the stand of the common people's friend in the great street railway upheaval in Cleveland twenty years before. Therefore, he decided that he would assist any movement by which the interests of this corporation might be furthered."

"True true, I remember distinctly," said Kirk. "We will never have a greater friend than he proved to be throughout the eight years of his incumbency. Here we are, old fellow, at the Alhambra, one of the leading colored theatres of the city. This is one of the large theatrical properties the True Reformers own and operate throughout the country."

"A magnificent structure truly," exclaimed Paul enthusiastically, "yes this is, I believe, their largest house in the West, yet I am told they control larger ones in New York and Boston."

The building at whose portals they had halted was indeed a magnificent piece of architecture, massive and modern in design. Kirk remarked to his friend that they had lots of time before the curtain rose and suggested that they linger in the lobby and inspect minutely the elegant oil paintings which decorated the walls on either side. They stopped in front of a colossal gothic pillow forming one of the supports in the entrance upon which was an elaborately done portrait in oil.

"Who is this?" asked Paul, pointing to the picture. "His locks of gray give him an exceptionally distinguished bearing."

"Why, that is the famous Dunbar, author, poet and dramatist," answered Kirk.

"Not Paul Lawrence?"

'The same. He is styled the 'grand old man of literature.' He is the author of the play we are to see here this afternoon," continued Kirk. "It has had quite a run; this is its fifth week."

"You don't say."

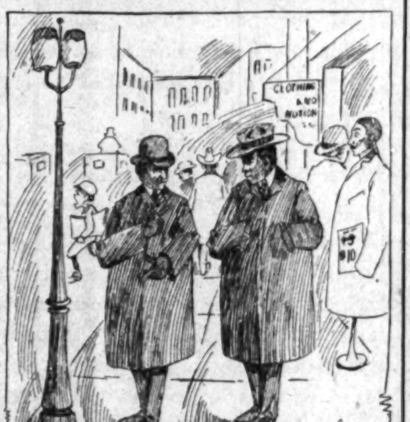
"Yes, and I think it is going to 'go big' (as the professionals would say) over the entire circuit. Its most powerful novelty lies in the fact that it is the first society drama this talented old man has put before the public wherein every character depicted is a Negro, and every scene afiame with the progress and domestic customs of our present people."

The two passed on slowly down the lobby stopping for a brief explanation at each picture.

"Oh!" exclaimed Paul, as they halted in front of a handsomely framed double portrait, "that is the once famous team, Williams & Walker. I remember having read of them quite often in The Freeman Gazette—a theatrical journal gotten out weekly by the management of The Freeman Publishing Co., in conjunction with their regular issue of their great paper."

"Yes, they are revered by the entire profession as the first link in the now almost endless chain of theatrical successes and top-notch stars," observed Kirk. "Although the present day and customs have brought unique departures from the creations these great actors and thinkers put forth in their time, yet, through the vista of declining years we look back with much pride upon the hard won success of these men twenty five years ago."

So they passed on and on, up one side and the other, discussing the different actresses and actors who were the big successes of the season. Occasionally they came to some stately photographs of white headed old men who had been pronounced "head liners" in their day. Billy McClain, Earnest Hogan, Billy Kersands, Bob Cole, Irving Jones, Avery & Hart, Sissieretta Jones and many other renowned faces came in for their respective share of comment as to their relative worth and merit in the day and time when they were the representatives of the Negro's theatrical ability before the world. Some little time had been consumed in the inspection of the pictures, and to their surprise, the two young men found the theatre comfortably filled when they entered and were ushered to their seats.



TIME BRINGS MANY CHANGES.

The audience at once attracted attention. (Most holiday matinees do) The gowns worn by the ladies of the several box assemblies were perfect creations of the modistes latest designs.

"Who is that distinguished looking young chap over there in the lower box with the glasses?" finally inquired Paul after he and Kirk had settled comfortably in their seats and finished their first hasty scrutiny of the surroundings.

"Oh, that is Clarence Jones," replied Kirk. "He is one, if not the most acceptable party from a financial point of view, in all 'Coon swelldom.' His father made the bulk of his money years ago in the transfer business, and he is estimated variously to be the possessor of from three to five hundred thousand dollars, with a business interest that turns to his account more than thirty thousand dollars a year."

"Gee whiz!" was Paul's reply.

"Pshaw," continued Kirk, "that's nothing; the young lady in pink to his right, Miss B——, a grand-niece or something of the kind to the famous John Johnson, whom you doubtless remember as the great factor who attracted so much attention in the liquor business some twelve or fifteen years ago, is heiress to something close to a million in her own name."

Just here the orchestra struck up a catchy air and for the time being the two friends were prevented from further discourse along these lines. In a few moments the curtain arose and they were drifted with profound interest into the story of the play. As it unfolded itself the drama told a beautiful tale; Dunbar had named it: "The Drifting of the Ways." In style of theme and general construction it bore a striking resemblance to David Belosco's powerful drama called "The Lost Paradise," which had been so favorably received by the people more than thirty-five years before. The characters were all Negroes. The pictures presented the race in all the glory of inventive, mechanical and social achievements. The last act was rife with platitudes of the choicest dialogue, and fairly teeming with nicely drawn situations. Paul, with his characteristic impetuosity, had lost himself completely in the ideality of the character assumed by the heroine of the play. As the story went, she was the beautiful and accomplished daughter of a Negro manufacturer who had conducted successfully for a number of years a hugh implement factory near the vicinity of Birmingham, Ala Events proved that his confidential superintendent, who was desperately in love with the girl, had secretly invented a patent which he was pushing quietly, not daring to disclose his affections to the haughty father of the girl. Through all of his embarrassments consequent upon his struggles to keep up appearances in the social set his relations with the girl exacted, she unflinchingly shared them all with him. Her sweet voice and ever present encouragement tided him over many places where, otherwise, the despair and failure which seemed inevitbale, would surely have engulfed him.

"By jove!" exclaimed Paul as the curtain lowered on the last scene, "she certainly was a 'sticker' in the artificial; wonder how she is in the real? Surely, old man, you can arrange for me to meet her?"

"Certainly," responded Kirk as they were elbowing their way down the aisle toward the door. The crush was something stifling. All of a sudden the lights were extinguished and the house was in dense darkness. When the light next dawned to the eyes of the befuddled Kirk, he sprang to his feet with a cry of surprise. For lo! he was still in his modest little room at home, the fire had gone out in the grate. With a sense of numb stiffness he realized that it had all been a dream.

Springfield News Items.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The colored people of the capital city are being awakened to industrial duties. Henry Pettet was in the city last week. The politics of our city should be purified a little. The Leland cafe young men are a progressive set. Subscribe for The Freeman.

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Miss Lillian Hill is improving after a serious illness.

Miss Minnie Hale of Crawfordsville, Ind., was in the city last week.

Carter Smith's dancing school was well attended Thursday evening.

Little Miss Francis Willard of the Flanner Guild is much improved.

Rev. Townsend has returned after a week's visit with his family at Richmond Ind.

The choir of St. Philips Mission is prepareing an excllent program for Easter.

Allen Chapel Sunday school and choir are prepareing an elaborate program for Easter.

Big sale at the Atlas Cloak House, 211 Indiana avenue, four doors from Illinois street.

The Woman's Club met with Mrs. Minnie Scott 415 W. 15th street, Monday afternoon.

Invitations are out anouncing a receptions in honor of the birthday of Miss Helen Harper, March 21.

Miss Lilly Walker of Galesburg, Ill., is in the city visiting her sister Miss Dayse Walker of the Flanner Guild.

Mrs. Clarence Dunlap left Monday for Noblesville to spend two weeks with her mother. Her husband will visit her while there.

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Mr. Charles W. Green, chorister of Allen Chapel choir, was called to Jeffersonville, Ind., last Thursday week, to attend the bedside of a very sick sister. She died Friday and was buried Monday last.

The entertainment at the Corinthian church, March 18th, will be under the auspices of the Barbers and Hotel Club. Robt. F. Williams and John D. Morris, managers. Among those taking part will be G. G. Simmons in St. Peter at the Gate; Brutus McWilliams, cello solo; Rastus Jones and the Nightingale Quartette and John W. Evans, bass solo.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a men's supper in Bethel church, Tuesday night, which was a great success. The entire French menu was prepared and served by men, members of the association. S. A. Furniss, headwaiter; G. L. Knox, second waiter. These gentlemen were dressed according to their positions, and performed as old timers at the business All the waiters, water boys, etc., were dressed accordingly. The last two wore white [illegible] and aprons. Dr. Furniss wore a full dress suit; G. L. Knox wore a full dress suit with white vest A large crowd was present and devoured everything the men had prepared.

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Marietta, O, March 5.—Oil operators here were simply dazed this week when they learned that the Wilgera Oil and Gas Company of Columbus, Ohio, had purchased the leases on 350 acres of oil and gas lands in this county. The leases cover the Perdew, Haas, Hanna and Milligan farms, considered as among the finest tracts in this rich oil belt. In addition to the purchase of these leases the Wilgera Oil and Gas Company has secured an option on the Barnett farms, aggregating over two hundred acres more. All this property has been sought after, and rich oil operators and speculators felt sure they would secure the land, and, feeling sure, simply stood passive. Last week the owner went to Columbus, and after a close conference of five hours signed and delivered the papers to this great Afro-American oil company. In an interview he said that he never went up against shrewder business men than these colored officers of this colored oil company, and that he was surprised at their grasp of business, and their thorough knowledge of the oil business. Said he, "I went to their firm in the resolve that I would not sell for a cent less than the price I had set, but when I concluded found that these shrewd black business men had dictated the price themselves, and I had signed away my interests in these valuable oil and gas lands almost as if under compulsion. Tell me the Negro does not know business; why these men know the alpha and omega of business." On one of the tracts purchased by the Wilgera Oil Company is two gas wells, the gas now seeping up through the tubing and burning, and one oil well. which, on reaching what is known as the Kingsley sand made a good showing of oil. This company now controls over 500 acres in this and Morgan, the adjoining county, sufficient territory to last them for the next twenty years. When oil men here first learned that colored men were to incorporate a fifty thousand dollar oil and gas company, they passed it off without comment, believing that it was more of a joke than anything else, little dreaming that there were colored men with sufficient push and energy and business forethouht to undertake such a thing, and believing that it would be impossible for them to raise money to secure oil and gas territory. When they learned that the same company had secured seventy-five acres of oil lands in Morgan county it set them to thinking, but at the same time they believed that their operations would end here. But when they learned, this week, that this gigantic Negro company had closed the deal, had the papers signed and delivered them for 350 acres of oil and gas ands in this (Washington) county, they were simply dazed and thunderstruck at the aggressiveness of the Negro. The predictions are now freely made that the Wilgera Oil and Gas Company, this Negro corporation, will be a magnificent success; that they, or rather it, will yet realize the dream of the race—make the race an independent factor in the business world, and control vast area of land, industries and mercantile establishments. One of the members of the company is here in this county now, and he is very enthusiastic over the success and the future of the company. For once we have one colored enterprise, great in scope and possibilities, that the white man has failed to defeat. With the company's new possessions of 350 acres of oil and gas lands in this county, the stock, which has been selling at $2 per share, is likely to jump to a high figure. As has been well said, "they have the goods." It is a remarkable corporation, and one which has the brightest future of any yet launched, and the officers are all shrewd, safe, careful business men who are true to their race.

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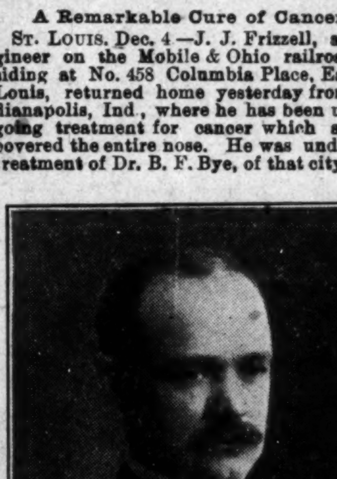

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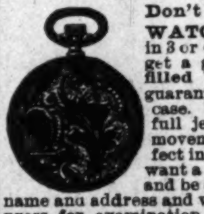

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